

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

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DECISION

TOPIC

Hardwood Timber Sale North and South Bear Wildlife Areas

The Natural Resource Commission is asked to approve the sale of an estimated 134,470 board feet of mixed hardwood trees at the North Bear and South Bear Wildlife Areas. The sale consists of 1,319 trees.

SPECIES	# OF TREES	AV. BD. FT./TREE	EST. BD. FT.
Red, Black Oak	177	193	34,150
White, Bur Oak	384	137	52,510
White Elm	30	106	3,180
Red Elm	24	98	2,340
Basswood	53	133	7,030
Hard Maple	38	103	3,920
Ash	35	123	4,320
Black Cherry	32	95	3,050
Hickory	68	89	6,080
Hackberry	3	90	270
Butternut	3	143	430
Cottonwood, Aspen	76	121	9,160
Walnut	60	134	8,030
Culls	336		
Totals	1,319		134,470

The harvests will accomplish 14 acres of early successional habitat, 21 acres of clearcuts which will be planted, and 26 acres of improvement cut that will remove scattered large trees in pole sized stands. Crop tree release work will be conducted on these areas following the harvest. These management practices are in accordance with the North Bear and South Bear Forest Stewardship Plans. The harvesting is being conducted specifically to improve habitat for game and non-game wildlife species including: ruffed grouse, woodcock, deer, turkey, warblers, cuckoo, and eastern towhee.

A natural areas inventory was conducted, and there are no known threatened and endangered species in the harvest area. Wildlife den trees will not be marked and will be left standing. Best management practices (BMP's) will apply to the site. No tops or harvesting residue will be left in adjacent waterways. Harvesting is to occur only when ground is firm or frozen to minimize

soil disturbance. Skid trails and landing areas will be repaired following the harvest. No skid trails will be allowed in the SMA (within 50 feet of the adjacent waterway) except at designated stream crossings.

The following bids were received for the sale:

Company	Location	Amount of Bid
Meyer Timber Co.	New Albin, IA	\$40,000.00
Jones Wood Heating and Logging	McGregor, IA	\$34,293.00
Dan Jones Logging	Waterville, IA	\$34,035.00
Charles Downs	Fayette, IA	\$30,110.00
Jackson Pallet and Lumber/ Sitco Inc.	Dubuque, IA	\$25,368.00

The Commission is requested to approve a contract with the high bidder, Meyer Timber Co. for \$40,000.00.

Paul Tauke, Forestry Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
January 8, 2009

Attachment: Notice of Timber for Sale

October 27, 2008

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a "Notice of Timber for Sale" for 1,319 trees owned by Iowa Department of Natural Resources. The trees contain an estimated 134,470 board feet, Scribner tree scale.

The trees are located in the Highlandville area, which is northern Winneshiek County. The location of the timber is outlined on the attached aerial photo.

The trees to be sold are marked with orange paint. The walnut trees are numbered and their approximate locations are marked on the map. The remaining trees are marked with a band of orange paint. The "cull" trees are marked with an "X". The trees will be sold on a lump sum, sealed bid sale. ***The successful bidder will pay the full amount in advance of cutting and within 10 days after the bid is accepted.*** The successful bidder will also enter into a timber contract with the State of Iowa within 10 days of the bid acceptance. The buyer will have 24 months from the date of the contract to remove the trees. The ground must be dry or frozen during the logging operation. The sale does include the rights to all tops.

Logging or hauling will not be allowed during the December shotgun deer seasons, which are the first 3 weeks of December. Also no logging will allowed April 1 through July 31.

Logging and hauling must take place when the ground is firm or frozen, and the crops must be out. All wood must be removed from the fields.

After the bids are opened, the sale must be approved by the Natural Resources Commission. Approval will be at the **January** Natural Resources meeting. The high bidder will be notified after the bid is accepted and arrangements will be made for the signing of the contract and full payment for the trees.

Anyone working on State Land must have proof of liability insurance. Upon signing of the contract, you will be required to provide proof of insurance. The minimum coverage required to work on State Land is –

Bodily Injury - \$100,000 per person, \$300,000 per accident.
Property Damage - \$50,000 per accident, \$100,000 aggregate.

All bids must be submitted in writing and sealed in an envelope to **Gary Beyer, District Forester, 621 Beck St., Charles City, Iowa 50616**. The words “*South Bear Timber Sale*” must be written on the envelope so it isn’t opened by mistake. The bids will be opened at my office in Charles City at ***1:00 p.m., Friday, December 5, 2008***. All bids must be received prior to this time. Absolutely no late bids, fax bids, or telephone bids will be accepted.

You can access the area by obtaining a key from Terry Haindfield. Terry’s office is located at the FSA building east of Decorah. You will need to call Terry ahead of time. You can also go around the gates on a 4 wheeler and look at the sale areas. If stopped by a Conservation Officer, show a copy of the bid sheet and explain that you are looking at the timber sales. Terry has notified the officers that you may be on the property.

You will need to cross the properties of Mitch Stortz, Frank Lorenz, and Arnie Weiss. Attached are “Timber Access Agreement” forms signed by each of these landowners. It is important that you not travel on their property unless the ground is firm and you will **not** make ruts in the fields.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,
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